

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 12, please amend lines 14-21 as follows:

--Although a tissue supporting device configuration has been illustrated in FIG. 1 which includes ductile hinges, it should be understood that the beneficial agent may be contained in openings in stents having a variety of designs including the designs illustrated in U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/314,360, filed on August 20, 2001 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/948,987, filed on September 7, 2001, which are incorporated herein by reference. The present invention incorporating beneficial agent openings may also be used with other known stent designs.--